

Submission by Japan

Information, views and proposals on matters related to the work of Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP)

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Japan fully supports and appreciates the Durban decision on the ADP as well as the planning of work as a basis for the future framework which will be fair and effective and applicable to all Parties. Japan welcomes with high appreciation the successful start of the work of the ADP last year, including adoption of its workplan at COP18 in Doha. It was also fruitful to conduct intensive brainstorming on the future framework in roundtables held in Bangkok and Doha last year. Japan is grateful for the leadership of the ADP Co-Chairs who have guided the whole process and discussions among Parties in a practical and constructive manner. The Co-Chair's informal note dated 18 February as well as their summaries of roundtables and the special event at Doha are also helpful in considering the way forward for the ADP this year. Japan is counting on continuous guidance of the ADP Co-Chairs for further fruitful work on the future framework and mitigation ambition.

This submission outlines Japan's basic philosophy, information, views and proposals on the two workstreams, in order to respond to the request in paragraphs 13 and 15 of the planning of work made at COP18. It also includes Japan's view regarding the work of ADP in the year ahead, taking into account the latest informal note by the Co-Chairs.

Japan appreciates the fact that Parties are given a few more opportunities to provide their views later this year as referred to in paragraph 6 of the planning of work. We fully support moving the discussion to a more focused mode within 2013. Japan would like to express its willingness to submit further views and proposals, especially for the post-2020 climate regime, building on discussions with other Parties and observer organizations in the ADP sessions to be held this year.

Workstream 2

1. Information, views and proposals on actions, initiatives and options to enhance mitigation ambition.

Japan believes that transparency of actions and the utilization of various types of approaches and measures in an integrated manner are essential for raising the level of

mitigation ambition globally.

(1) Mobilize all possible international actions and initiatives

Japan fully recognizes the importance of mobilizing, in a transparent way, all possible measures and initiatives inside and outside UNFCCC taken by each Party, international organizations as well as the private sector. Various existing actions and initiatives play an indispensable role in mitigation actions (Below are some examples of such initiatives). It is important to discuss how to benefit from these efforts and to identify effective and pragmatic activities.

- Measures to reduce GHG emissions in international transport sector by IMO/ICAO
- International collective initiatives to reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (e.g. CCAC)
- Cooperation and initiatives to aim at mitigating climate change at regional level
- Phase-out of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies (e.g. G20)
- Policy trend on energy efficiency and renewables (e.g. IEA, IPEEC, IRENA)
- Initiatives by industry, local authorities, IGOs and NGOs (e.g. ISO)
- Several proposals on low-carbon/emission strategies by think-tanks.

(2) Information collection and sharing on mitigation actions taken by each Party, international organizations and others.

Collecting and sharing information on various mitigation actions taken by Parties, international organizations and others should be conducted together with the evaluation and review of the effects of such emissions reduction efforts.

Japan considers it useful to summarize and share best practices of mitigation efforts in such way that stakeholders can access and learn from other countries' experiences easily. With a view to introducing these policies in developing countries, it would be beneficial to take into account diverse aspects of existing policies such as environmental issues including air pollution, rural development, employment and energy access.

In addition to emissions reduction at the national level, it is important to assure worldwide emissions reduction by supporting other countries' mitigation efforts. It is important to acknowledge contributions to mitigation in other countries, including financial support, technology transfer and capacity building.

Japan is promoting the JCM/BOCM with a view to facilitating diffusion of leading low carbon technologies, products, systems, services and infrastructure as well as implementation of mitigation actions at the global level. Japan is going to implement the JCM/BOCM with some partner countries from FY 2013 and is willing to share our experiences in the implementation of this mechanism, hoping they would enhance mitigation actions.

2. Views on the work of the ADP in this year

In order to assemble all information, Japan considers it useful if Parties, international organizations and others are invited to submit their own initiatives and actions and the Secretariat compiles them in a report. Japan proposes to hold workshops involving a wide range of stakeholders in order to recognize initiatives outside UNFCCC.

In the workshops to be held, Japan considers it helpful to discuss the following two subjects separately;

- i) Measures and initiatives taken by international organizations and others, including the private sector, local authorities, NGOs and think-tanks
 - Invite various stakeholders such as IMO, ICAO, IEA, IPEEC, IRENA, ISO, CCAC, OECD, BizMEF, NGOs, think-tanks and so on.
- ii) Best practices of mitigation actions by Parties.
 - Share best practices based on widely collected examples from Parties.

Schedule

- ADP session in April and June 2013
 - Submission by Parties, international organizations and others before the sessions
 - Hold workshops to share information on substantive actions and best practices based on submissions
- After June session and the session in COP19 in Warsaw
 - Discussions in ADP session based on the results of series of workshops held during previous sessions
 - COP decision on enhancing actions to be taken by Parties and international initiatives